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NAIROBI FOR AMBASSADOR LOW
WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI
LISBON FOR LAKE, S/P WITH VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY
TEHRAN FOR SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: RH, SF, US, UK, PFOR
SUBJECT: SMITH'S WARNING TO KAUNDA OF POSSIBLE
PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACK

REF: STATE 110992
1. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR FRIEDMAN CONVEYED MESSAGES REFTEL TO FCO DUTY OFFICER MAY 15 AND MADE POINTS DIRECTLY TO GRAHAM MAY 16.

2. RE OWEN-KAUNDA LETTER, GRAHAM REMARKED THAT ON RE-FLECTION HE DID NOT BELIEVE BRITISH HAD HANDLED THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE (TRANSMITTING SMITH'S WARNING) VERY CLEVERLY. THEY HAD TREATED SITUATION TOO ROUTINELY
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SINCE THEY SAW SMITH'S WARNING AS THE KIND OF THING HE TENDS TO SAY WHEN HE IS COMING INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY PHILIP MANSFIELD, IN SUB-SEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH FRIEDMAN, MENTIONED THAT BRITISH SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR NOT HAVING PASSED INFOR-MATION TO USG WHEN SMITH'S MESSAGE FIRST CAME IN. HE

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COMMENTED THAT WHILE THERE ALWAYS EXISTED THE DANGER OF A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE, ASSESSMENTS TO DATE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THAT THE RHODESIAN POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT SUCCESS-FULLY RESTRAINED THE MILITARY.

4. EMBASSY TRANSMITTING BY SEPTEL TEXTS OF MAY 15 CALLAGHAN MESSAGES TO KAUNDA AND SMITH AND OWEN LETTER TO BOTHA. AS OF NOON MAY 16 FCO HAD RECEIVED NO REACTIONS.

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